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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman  
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From: David E. Janssen  
Chief Executive Officer

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**RECYCLING AND PLASTIC BAG BOARD ORDER**

On April 10, 2007, your Board instructed this Office to work with the Director of Internal Services and the Director of Public Works to solicit input from outside environmental protection and grocer organizations to: 1) investigate polyethylene plastic and paper sack consumption in the County and possible adoption of a policy similar to that of San Francisco, including unintended consequences of the ordinance; 2) inventory and assess the impact of current recycling campaigns; and 3) report to your Board within 90 days on findings and recommendations to reduce grocery and retail sack waste.

An internal workgroup of the aforementioned departments, County Counsel, Department of Public Health, the Sanitation Districts and representatives from your offices was convened, and an aggressive work-plan was developed to undertake this endeavor. We met with a number of vendors regarding their recycling products, and on June 25, 2007, we held a Recycling Stakeholder meeting that included various recycling affiliated groups such as environmentalists, vendors, business interests and consumers. A list of the stakeholder and vendor meeting participants is attached for your information. Please note the list of stakeholders does not include all invited participants, as it only reflects those who were in attendance.

The workgroup is looking at a number of options on how to implement as well as some outstanding issues, such as the County's jurisdictional authority to ban plastic bags, evaluation of the San Francisco ban on plastic bags, review of recycling legislation such as Assembly Bill 2449, and preparation of a study documenting the impact of plastic bags on the environment. The response and input from the various stakeholder groups, as well as material that is available on this subject, has provided a great deal of

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information for the workgroup to synthesize. As a result, additional time is required so we may adequately process the information that has been received thus far; we are targeting August 21, 2007, to return to your Board with our findings and recommendations.

Should you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact me or your staff may contact Vincent Amerson of this Office at (213) 974-1168 or at [vamerson@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:vamerson@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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Attachment

c: All Department Heads

## RECYCLING / PLASTIC BAGS

## STAKEHOLDER MEETING

| AGENCY/AFFILIATION                           | PARTICIPANTS                          |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Consumer</b>                              |                                       |
| Parent Teachers Association                  | Diana Dixon-Davis                     |
| <b>Recycling Vendors</b>                     |                                       |
| Progressive Bag Alliance                     | Laurie Hansen                         |
| 1 Bag at a Time                              | Lisa Foster                           |
| Ek & Ek, A Lobbyist and Public Advocacy Firm | Victor Franco, Jr and Sergio Preciado |
| Rose & Kindel/Plastics Association           | Samantha Martinez                     |
| <b>Environmentalists</b>                     |                                       |
| Heal the Bay                                 | James Alamillo                        |
| Algalita Marine Research Foundation          | Marcus Eriksen                        |
| <b>Business Interests</b>                    |                                       |
| California Grocers Association               | Jennifer Forkish                      |
| California Restaurant Association            | Andrew Casana                         |
| <b>City of Los Angeles</b>                   |                                       |
| The Mayor's Office                           | Mike Mullin                           |
| Public Works/Sanitation Department           | Neil M. Guglielmo                     |
| <b>Board of Supervisors</b>                  |                                       |
| 2nd District                                 | Karly Katona                          |
| <b>County Departments</b>                    |                                       |
| Chief Executive Office                       | Martin Zimmerman                      |
| Chief Executive Office                       | Loreto Maldonado                      |
| Chief Executive Office                       | Vincent Amerson                       |
| Internal Services Department                 | Angie Mazzie                          |
| Public Works Department                      | Fred Rubin                            |
| Public Works Department                      | Paul Alva                             |
| Public Works Department                      | Coby Skye                             |
| Public Works Department                      | Carl Pederson                         |

## VENDOR MEETING

| AGENCY/AFFILIATION          | PARTICIPANTS     |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Harbin Innovative Products  | Trent Harbin     |
| Harbin Innovative Products  | Wayne Harbin     |
| Harbin Innovative Products  | Andrea Harbin    |
| Harbin Innovative Products  | Larry Jolly      |
| Crown Poly                  | Albert Simhaee   |
| Crown Poly                  | Doug Nuttall     |
| Crown Poly                  | Catherine Browne |
| DePoly Degradable Solutions | Roger McLelland  |
| DePoly Degradable Solutions | Kenny Griffith   |
| Hilex, an HPC Company       | Leon Farahnik    |
| Command Packaging           | Pete Grande      |
| Stripes2Stripes             | Steve Joseph     |

